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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CROW).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

March 2, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JASON CROW to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

From before the beginning of time, God, You have been for us. In eternity past, You had Your hand in both our creation and in our redemption.

May we appreciate the lives You have given us, and deliver us from our indulgence which squanders the opportunities You have provided.

May we understand that You have given us dominion over the Earth, and disavow us of the prideful notion that we alone are masters of our own existence.

May we see the perfect design You conceived at creation, and forgive us our destructive disregard for Your handiwork.

Most important, may we receive the love You have shown us, and show us mercy when our lives reflect, instead, hate and indifference.

Recreate us, O Lord, to live into Your prevenient plan. We stand in need of Your redemptive grace.

In the strength of Your eternal name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(a)(1)(A) of House Resolution 8, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

IN SUPPORT OF THE FOR THE PEOPLE ACT

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support H.R. 1, the For the People Act.

Included in this important legislation is the Vote by Mail Tracking Act, legislation I introduced to ensure that all ballots in Federal elections have a Postal Service barcode.

This would enable election officials and the public to track the status of a ballot from when it is put in the mail to when it is delivered, reducing anxiety, increasing accuracy, transparency, and accountability for our ballots.

After an election year with record-breaking numbers of Americans voting by mail, it has never been more critical to provide election officials and the public peace of mind that every vote matters and is counted accurately.

I urge overwhelming support for H.R. 1, which includes reforms across our Government that are critically important, and it includes this important bill, too.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF K-9 OFFICER LUNA

(Mr. STAUBER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to mourn the tragic loss of K-9 Luna, a beloved member of the Duluth Police Department, who was shot and killed in the line of duty last week.

Luna was a 3-year-old Dutch Shepherd who joined the department's K-9 unit less than 2 years ago, after her handler, Officer Aaron Haller, lost his K-9 partner, Haas, in a similar incident.

As a former Duluth police officer with the Duluth Police Department, I know firsthand that our K-9 partners perform their duties bravely and with great loyalty.

To their handlers, a K-9 is more than a dog. They are a partner, protector, and a valued family member. K-9 officers go home with their handlers each night, so their dedication to their handlers and their job does not end after each workday.

K-9 Luna was a guardian of the Duluth community. She died a hero's death, giving her life to protect her partner and fellow officers on the scene.

My heart is with Luna's handler, Officer Aaron Haller, the Haller family, and the entire Duluth Police Department during this time of deep sorrow.

I know it cannot be easy to say goodbye to such a good and loving friend. I speak for the entire Duluth community when I say that we are eternally grateful for Luna's service and sacrifice.

REMOVE BIG MONEY IN POLITICS

(Mr. CROW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

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